

# **“Moses-A Lesson on Sin”**

## **Num. 20:1-13**

### Introduction

- I. Moses is often remembered favorably for his leadership of the Israelites.
- II. He is the one that was the great “lawgiver” of the Old Law.
- III. However, Moses was also just a man, and as such sinned against God.

### Discussion

- I. What led to Moses sinning?
  - A. Uncontrolled anger (Num. 20:10; Psm. 106:32-33; cf. James 1:19-20; Eph. 4:26-27).
  - B. Outright disobedience (Num. 20:8, 11; Heb. 5:9; 1 John 5:17; cf. 2 John 9).
  - C. Not giving God the glory (Num. 20:10, 12; Deut. 32:48-52; cf. Acts 12:20-23).
  - D. Lack of belief (Num. 20:12; cf. Heb. 11:6; cf. Heb. 3:12-4:11).
- II. Things we can learn from the sin of Moses (Rom. 15:4).
  - A. None of us are immune from sin (Rom. 3:23; 1 John 1:6-10 1 Pet. 1:17; 4:17-18; Heb. 12:28-29; cf. Deut. 34:10-12).
  - B. When under pressure and stress, we do not know how we will react (1 Cor. 10:12; cf. Exo. 3:11; 4:10; Num. 12:1-3; Matt. 26:69-75).
  - C. There is no insignificant/“small” sin (John 4:24; Matt. 15:9; Prov. 16:25).
  - D. The end does not justify the means when sin occurs (Rom. 3:8; Gal. 6:10).
  - E. Man is judged by his works (2 Cor. 5:10; James 2:14-26).
  - F. God deserves to be exalted and praised (Matt. 6:9; Eph. 3:20-21).
  - G. We must not let sin defeat us (Matt. 17:1-5).

### Conclusion

- I. Moses was a great man, but still just a man.
- II. Let us learn what we can from his mistake so that we do not do likewise.